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## **Restaurant tax rules explained to owners**

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If you own a restaurant in San Diego County, you'll want to register for a free seminar this week aimed at helping you comply with the complicated array of state and federal tax rules, and avoid costly penalties for errors or missed deadlines.

Topics to be presented include the proper collection and reporting of sales and use tax, marketing your restaurant, tax implications for various methods of financing your business, compliance with employment tax rules, tax rules for different forms of legal ownership, and tip reporting.



The San Diego Restaurant Tax Seminar will be held Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road. The event was initiated by Michelle Steel, Southern California's elected representative on the State Board of Equalization.

The five-member Board of Equalization collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services.

"There are a lot of tax rules that apply to restaurants," said Anita Gore, spokeswoman for the Board of Equalization, "and it's important for our taxpayers, the restaurant owners, to have an opportunity to get their questions answered."

The seminar will feature representatives from the Board of Equalization, the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service, the Employment Development Department, the California Restaurant Association, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the California Small Business Development Center.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

To register, call (888) 847-9652. [Click here for more information on the San Diego Restaurant Seminar.](#)